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Dr. Gross Cites Educational History and Challenge

Cannady, Mace Elected Council Presidents

Dick Cannady and Zelma Mace were elected to the presidency of the Men's and the Women's Student Councils respectively for the scholastic year 1948-1949. Other elected officers of the Men's Council are Mac Fuller, vice president; Wilbur Jones, secretary-treasurer. Officers of the Women's Council are Mary Woodard, vice-president; Thelma Manning, secretary; Erlene Jordan, treasurer.

The officers were installed at assembly May 4, the oath of office being administered respectively by the retiring presidents Bill Melson and Grace Hammond.

The campaign preceding the election of the men's officers has been declared an outstandingly enthusiastic one. The bulletin board was colorful for the days preceding the event. For a time before election it was any man's chance; and the candidates with the help of their campaign managers launched a vigorous campaign. The candidates for the Men's Student Council were president, John Liverman and Dick Cannady; vice-president, Mac Fuller and John Amick; secretary-treasurer, Wilbur Jones and George Williams. The candidates for the Women's Student Council were president Zelma Mace, Ruth Chandler, Julia Watkins and Rosemary Dawson; vice-president, Mary Woodard, Betty Worrell and Lorene Murphy; secretary, Margaret Bradley and Thelma Manning; treasurer, Anne Jones, Erlene Jordan, and Lessie Manning.

On election day came last minute efforts by interested supporters of the candidates to swing the election.

The entire campaign has been described as one on an exceptionally high level.

Shearon and Hoell To Head "Y"

Martha Shearon and Douglas Hoell were elected the presidents of the YWCA and YMCA, respectively; Margaret Bradley and John Amick, treasurer; and Lessie Manning and Elmer Beal appointed program chairmen. The remaining members of the cabinet will be chosen in the fall.

A variety of programs have been presented including panel discussions, dramas, hymn singing, worship, and dedication services. At Christmas the Y sponsored a program to help several needy families in Franklin county. It organized and directed the World Student Service Fund in March.

Several members of the Y visited shut-ins in Louisburg during the winter months.

The two Y-presidents for the coming year are planning to attend the Borea Conference for the southern area of the Y in the United States.

Guthrie and Liverman Chosen Editors for 1948-49

Sam Long Guthrie, of Wanchese, is elected editor of COLUMNS for 1948-1949. Cited by members of the closing year's staff as the student qualified for the position, he was confirmed for the office by an apparently unanimous student vote at assembly hour, May 14. Guthrie has been active as associate editor for the current year and demonstrated a quality of scholarship suited to the position.

John H. Liverman, Woodland, was chosen by members of the staff

Class-Day Program Given

Louisburg College Class Day took place in front of Main Building, May 22 at 4:30 p. m. Jay W. Sanders, Jr., gave the salutatory. The history was read by Hassel Vester followed by the class poem written and read by Sanders. The senior class then sang the class song followed by the reading of the prophecy by Richard Cole and the last will and testament by Julia Carroll. Earl Rogers, president of the senior class transferred his cap and gown to Fred Davenport, president of the class of '49. George Laws presented the senior gift, two Roman park benches for the campus, to Mr. Holton who responded in acceptance. William H. Melson gave the Valedictory bringing the program to a close.

Wright Social Hall Redecorated

Wright Social Hall has been redecorated. The floor is finished in its natural color while the walls and wood-work are light green. The new furniture is bound in dark green, chartreuse, and wine leather. New lamps and globes for the overhead lights have also been put in. A portion of the social hall has been remodeled and made into a living room for entertaining parents. This room has the same color scheme as the main social hall.

EASTER PLAY WRITTEN PRODUCED BY BOWERS

Likely no better play acting has been done by a Louisburg cast than that superiorly achieved in the Easter play, "The Meek Shall Inherit."

Written and directed by Mr. Bowers, versatile Louisburg religious director, "The Meek Shall Inherit" contained qualities that constitute an outstanding piece of playwriting: sincerity, emotion, sympathy of a conscientious, understanding author. No less outstanding seemed his director's achievement, for the rarely convincing acting, with vivid and heartfelt quality, was tribute both to director and players.

The players were notably well cast, portraying their parts in convincing manner and gaining a marked audience response. Bill Melson was splendid in the role of the self-sufficient man, who chose ruthlessly to scale the heights to fame, caring nothing for the deeper significance of talent as a gift to offer back to life. Ina Meekins Evans, his well-matched opposite, played the gentle but compelling role of one who saw in drama more than the praise and applause of the audience, a means instead of giving a message to the world. They both achieved a superior performance and played with an able supporting cast; the producer, played by Richard Cole, and the actor's friend, played by Bill Sanders.

"The Meek Shall Inherit" was the story of the self-centered, arrogant (Continued on page 3)

of *The Oak* and the Student Publications Committee as editor of *The Oak* for 1948-49. Liverman has had an introduction to the journalistic field in the capacity of COLUMNS reporter the current semester. He has been a distinctively outstanding student in scholarship, having ranked third in the list of junior scholarship honors at the end of the first semester.

Baccalaureate Minister



DR. H. E. SPENCE

Dr. Childs Speaks At Alumni Banquet

Dr. B. G. Childs, professor of education, Duke University, was speaker at the alumni banquet, May 22, 7:00 p. m. His first remarks were in a light vein, humorously mentioning various types of people whom he enjoyed seeing at banquets: teachers, ministers, doctors. Then he paid tribute to the foundations of American education, recalling a recent visit to Ezekiel Cheever's school in Boston, marking the beginning of American public-school education 313 years ago. Dr. Childs quoted the often-revised saying "Ezekiel Cheever on one end of a log and Mark Hopkins on the other make a college. A beacon set on a hill, a mother, the workshop" of civilization and culture were characterizations he gave of the educational institution, declaring that as goes the school, so goes the nation.

The speaker cited also the home and the church as institutions essential in the building of character and molding of the nation.

"I believe you and I face the most momentous moment in the history of our nation," urged the speaker, (Continued on page 3)

Melson, Sanders, Midgett Cited for Honors

William H. Melson, Jay William Sanders, and Dorothy Midgett were the honor graduates of the 1948 class. Melson, of Elizabeth City, was valedictorian, graduating *magna cum laude*. He has been outstanding in varied college activities; president of the Men's Student Council, a member of COLUMNS staff, Delta Psi Omega, Dramatic Club, French Club, Glee Club, International Relations Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and Veterans' Club.

Sanders, of Roanoke Rapids, salutatorian, graduating *cum laude*, was editor of *The Oak* for 1948, a member of Delta Psi Omega, Dramatic Club, Glee Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Veterans' Club, and Beta Phi Gamma.

Dorothy Midgett, of Waves, graduating *cum laude*, was president of the Women's Athletic Association, Secretary of the Senior Class, a member of the International Relations Club, *The Oak* staff, Phi Theta Kappa, Physical Education Club, Student Council, and the Y. W. C. A. Melson is the seventh student in seven years to graduate *magna cum laude*. The others are Sara Davis ('42), Virginia Spivey ('42), Edward Smith ('42), Martha Ann Stroud ('43), Annie Louise Sherlock ('44), Anne Whitehead ('45).

Inauguration-Graduation Speaker



DR. JOHN O. GROSS

Divine Partnership Urged By Rainwater At Y-Service

"Father and Sons in Co-operation" was the subject of the message by Rev. Roland W. Rainwater, dean of men and religious director 1946-1947, now Methodist pastor at Apex, at the annual commencement Y-service, at the local Methodist Church, May 23. His three emphases were partnership with God, partnership with God's world, and partnership with God's people.

Helen Ayscue, YWCA president, read the call to worship; and Oliver Howell, YMCA president, led the prayer. Richard Cole sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." The benediction was pronounced by President Samuel M. Holton.

President's Reception Given

The President's Reception for the graduating class and parents was given in Wright Social Hall May 23 at 4:30 p. m. Commencement marshals received the guests. Mrs. Moon presided at the punch bowl, and members of the faculty social committee assisted with the serving.

Mr. and Mrs. William Potter request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Jane

to Daniel P. Saylor Bowers on Saturday the twenty-sixth of June at four o'clock Waynesboro Methodist Church Waynesboro, Pennsylvania (This invitation is extended to all members of the Louisburg College, students, faculty and staff.)

Honorary of The Oak Presented in Chapel

"We can dedicate only this book—he has dedicated his life," were the closing lines read by Editor Bill Sanders from the dedication of the twenty-fifth anniversary, the 1948, edition of *The Oak* to Dr. Thomas C. Amick, as announced at the chapel hour. Editor Bill Sanders was in charge of the program.

John Burchett presented to Mrs. Patten and the library two copies of the 1948 *Oak*. Walton Bass gave a short account of the history of *The Oak* and of varied experiences in the making of this year's edition. Bass cited emphases of the annuals of the twenties when the institution was Louisburg Female College, and when students' preoccupations were of a variety in sharp contrast to those of the present. Dorothy Midgett read from *The Oak* of 1923 "Seniors' Soliloquy," a parody on Hamlet's "To be or not to be."

Holton Inaugurated President of College

Diplomas Awarded to 29 Seniors At 161st Graduation

Dr. John O. Gross, secretary of the Department of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., was the speaker at the inauguration-graduation ceremony Monday, May 24. The occasion marked the inauguration of Samuel M. Holton as president of Louisburg College, confirming his election of last July 24.

In his address, Dr. Gross cited the role the Methodist Church has played in the history of the nation's educational institutions. He praised the untiring efforts of the early Methodist circuit riders in promoting and founding many of the early colleges. He described them as institutions adding greatly to the heritage of Methodism and of education in America. Citing the obligation of Louisburg to continue the tradition, Dr. Gross declared: "Louisburg College will be derelict in its duty if it does not have a program of education pointed to the challenges of the atomic era—in contrast with large institutions the efforts of small schools may seem insignificant, but their value to society is not measured by quantity of service but by sincerity of motive."

The act of inauguration of President Holton was performed by the Rev. W. A. Cade, president of the board of trustees. The response was spoken by President Holton. Representatives from 26 colleges and universities were in the procession. Greetings from their respective institutions were spoken by the following: Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Duke; Chancellor Robert B. House, U. N. C.; President William C. Pressly, Peace; and President Clyde A. Milner, Guilford College. Speaking for faculty and students was Dean Lula (Continued on page 3)

Charles Lund Shakes L. C. Campus With Shakespeare

Mr. Charles Lund, America's foremost Shakespearean actor appeared at Louisburg College . . . Mr. Lund, who started out in life to be an architect, and who obtained his B. S. degree in architecture from Ohio State College, is now in his fifty-first year of Shakespearean acting. In starting his acting career he began immediately in Shakespeare's plays.

Once he acted a single character for 105 consecutive weeks in Schenectady, New York. In the last act of a performance, he was so exhausted that he collapsed as the curtain was going down. His leading lady, her arms around his neck, held him up until the curtain was down.

His favorite roles are Richard III and Shylock. His excellent portrayal of the part of Shylock gained him an honorary Master of Arts degree from Yale University. In addition, he has an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Brigham Young; and a PhD. degree from Ohio State for his effort in keeping the classic alive.

One of his hobbies is architecture. He still has the same feeling inside him about architecture as he had when he received his diploma from Ohio State College.

He owes his success to the fact that he puts his whole soul and mind in his acting. "I forget that there is a man named Lund," was the statement he made when asked what efforts he made while acting.